

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim the week of September 12, 2005, and September 16, 2005, as

## MIOSHA Make a Difference Week and Stand Down for Safety & Health Day

Whereas, The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) was established in 1975 to provide Michigan's working men and women with a safe and healthy work environment and is part of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; and,

Whereas, MIOSHA safety and health officers and consultation staff visit more than 12,000 Michigan workplaces each year to save lives, to prevent injuries and illnesses, and to protect the safety and health of our workers; and,

Whereas, Those enforcement and outreach efforts benefit more than 1,000,000 workers each year; and,

Whereas, Protecting workers is not a burdensome cost of doing business and employers with a strong safety and health management system report not only reductions in injuries and illnesses, but also very positive bottom line benefits: lower workers' compensation costs, increased productivity, increased employee morale, lower absenteeism, and lower employee turnover; and,

Whereas, During "Make a Difference Week," employers throughout Michigan are urged to spend each day on special activities to improve their work environment through: Management Commitment and Leadership; Employee Involvement and Participation; Worksite Analysis and Hazard Prevention; Safety and Health Training; and Stand Down for Safety and Health; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan do hereby proclaim the week of September 12, 2005, as MIOSHA Make a Difference Week and September 16, 2005, as Stand Down for Safety & Health Day in Michigan and I encourage all Michigan employers and employees to place special emphasis on workplace safety and health during this commemoration and throughout the year.



Jehn/fer M. Granholm

Governor